

their prospects and I hope to their projects. (To William Short,

1793. F. VI., 1550

REPUBLICANISM.—The Constitution to[^] which we are all attached was meant to be Republican, and we believe to be Republican according to every candid interpretation. Yet we have seen it so interpreted and administered as to be truly what the French have called a *monarchic masque*. So long has the vessel run on this way and been trimmed to it that to[>] put her on her Republican tack will require all the skill, the firmness and the zeal of her ablest and best friends. (To Robert Livingston, 1800. F. VII., 464-)

REPUBLICANISM.—See Democracy.

REPUBLICS.—Convinced that the Republican is the only form of government which is not eternally at open or secret war with the rights of mankind, my prayers and efforts shall be cordially distributed to the support of that we have so happily established. It is indeed an animating thought that, while we are securing the rights of ourselves and our posterity, we are pointing out the way to struggling nations who wish like us, to emerge from their tyrannies also. Heaven help their struggles and lead them, as it has done us, triumphantly through them. (From a reply to an address of the Mayor and citizens of Alexandria, 1790. F. V., 147.)

REPUBLICS.—Perhaps it will be found that to obtain a just republic (and it is to secure our just rights that we resort to government at all) it must be so extensive as that local egoisms may never reach its greater part; that on every particular question a majority may be found in its councils free from particular interests and giving therefore an uniform prevalence to the principles of justice. The smaller the societies, the more violent and convulsive their schisms. We have chanced to live in an age which will probably be distinguished in history for its experiments in government on a larger scale than has as yet taken place. But we shall not live to see the result. The grosser absurdities such as hereditary magistracies, we shall see exploded in our day. *
* * But what is to be the substitute? This our children or grandchildren will answer. It is un-